

**Town of Charlton
Saratoga County
Town Board Meeting**

December 8, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Charlton, Saratoga County, New York was held at the Charlton Town Hall, 758 Charlton Rd, Charlton, NY and called to order by Supervisor Grattidge at 7:30 p.m.

Supervisor Grattidge led the pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Councilman Grasso, Councilman Hodgkins, Councilman Lippiello, Supervisor Grattidge, Town Clerk Brenda Mills.

Excused: Councilman Verola

Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION #183

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Lippiello

Seconded by Councilman Hodgkins

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the Town Board Agenda Meeting minutes from November 24, 2014.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. **CARRIED**

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR AGENDA ITEMS

No one chose to speak.

RESOLUTION #184

Abstract of Claims

Motion by Councilman Hodgkins

Seconded by Councilman Grasso

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in Abstract No. 123, voucher numbers 734 - 771 in the amount of \$25,628.73.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. **CARRIED**

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk reported that her office took in \$800.50 for the month of November. Revenue of \$403.54 was paid to the Supervisor's Office and \$396.96 was paid to other Governmental agencies.

RESOLUTION #185

Acceptance of the Town Clerk's Reports

Motion by Councilman Lippiello

Seconded by Councilman Hodgkins

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has accepted the Town Clerk's report as read.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. **CARRIED**

SUPERVISORS REPORT

For the month of November, I attended 3 Town meetings and 9 County meetings.
Some of the highlights of the month:

- Attended normal Town and County meetings
- Worked on adopting the 2015 Town Budget
- Worked on the 2015 Saratoga Co. 2015 Budget
- Worked on the new radio system for the Water District

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MONTHLY REPORT OF SUPERVISOR**TO THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CHARLTON:**

Pursuant to Section 125 of the Town Law, I hereby render the following detailed statement of all moneys received and disbursed by me during the month of September, 2014:

DATED: December 3, 2014

SUPERVISOR

	Balance 08/31/2014	Increases	Decreases	Balance 09/30/2014
A GENERAL FUND - TOWNWIDE				
CASH - CHECKING	6,443.59	68,881.31	68,880.62	6,444.28
CASH - SAVING	490,045.89	154,326.61	68,880.62	575,491.88
PETTY CASH	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Park Fees Reserve	86,227.02	9.50	0.00	86,236.52
TOTAL	583,216.50	223,217.42	137,761.24	668,672.68
DA HIGHWAY FUND				
CASH - CHECKING	0.00	89,061.21	89,061.21	0.00
CASH - SAVINGS	153,330.20	2,773.41	89,061.21	67,042.40
CASH, SPECIAL RESERVE	15,461.65	1.95	0.00	15,463.60
TOTAL	168,791.85	91,836.57	178,122.42	82,506.00
F WATER #1 FUND				
CASH - CHECKING	0.00	5,454.60	5,454.60	0.00
CASH - SAVINGS	186,011.84	856.47	5,582.30	181,286.01
WATER SERIAL BOND	34,274.02	1.41	0.00	34,275.43
CASH, SPECIAL RESERVES	121,165.97	4.98	0.00	121,170.95
TOTAL	341,451.83	6,317.46	11,036.90	336,732.39
SW WATER #2 FUND				
CASH - CHECKING	0.00	101.79	101.79	0.00
CASH - SAVINGS	25,288.81	2.37	101.79	25,189.39
TOTAL	25,288.81	104.16	203.58	25,189.39
TA TRUST & AGENCY				
CASH - CHECKING	899.18	31,290.47	30,870.47	1,319.18
DEER RUN SUBDIVISION	151,316.72	19.07	0.00	151,335.79
TOTAL	152,215.90	31,309.54	30,870.47	152,654.97
H CAPITAL PROJECTS				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	1,270,964.89	352,785.15	357,994.61	1,265,755.43

Supervisor Grattidge said that the Key Bank Custodial statement has been received. Due to the illness of the Account Clerk, the September financial report was recently completed, and she is working on completing the subsequent months.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Offices will be closed December 25th and 26th in observance of the Christmas holiday.

DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway – Councilman Hodgkins read the following report from Mike Emerich:

Highway Department Report for November 2014

General Operations

- Haul sand.
- Repave intersection of western Ave. at Rt. 147
- Plow, Sand and Salt Roads
- Clean shop, wash floors.
- Clean and sand sidewalks at town hall

Equipment Repair

- Repair plows (welding and replace some brackets)
- Paint plows and wings
- Repair rust holes on truck 12's box.
- Install new sander in truck 15.
- Replace misc. light bulbs on trucks.
- Replacing cutting edges on plows and wings

Miscellaneous Items

- Removed old foot bridge in park.
- Attend pre-build meeting for new truck.

Constables- Councilman Lippiello reported that in November, there were 29 patrols, 36 complaints, 11 911 calls, 24 tickets issued, and 4 accidents responded to.

Zoning – Councilman Hodgkins said that in November there were 4 building permits issued and 6 CO/CUs were issued.

Food Pantry – Supervisor Grattidge said that he has received a copy of the Pantry's report. Charlton residents needing assistance can go to the pantry for help.

Maintenance – Supervisor Grattidge read the report which is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Water – Councilman Lippiello said that John Morgan is waiting on a response from the Phoenix Group to begin work on the telemetry system at the pump house.

Parks - Councilman Grasso gave the Board pictures of the work in process on the new pedestrian bridge at Elmer Smith Park. The deck is on and they will be working on the railings as weather permits.

Councilman Grasso said he is continuing to get written communications from residents regarding the proposed zoning changes. He will forward to the Clerk and Town Board so that there is a complete file.

Dog Control – In November there were 11 complaints and the DCO followed up on 10 expired licenses.

Seniors – Marv Schorr said that the Senior’s Christmas Party is on December 10th at the Burnt Hills United Methodist Church.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

Supervisor said that a minor changes needs to be made to the Water District #1 budget, in order to get the appropriations in line with the revenues coming in. There are \$5.00 fees per parcel being received and a new hook-up fee of \$250.00 being received which needs to be adjusted to match the appropriations. The appropriations needed to be amended by \$512.00 under the pump house by-pass line on the main part of the budget. The new total of appropriations is \$257,415.00 and on the revenue page the revenue corresponds with the same amount of \$257,415.00. The summary page was changed to reflect the new amounts.

Discussion: Councilman Grasso asked where amount for the metered water sales of \$110,000 comes from. Supervisor Grattidge said that it is an estimate based on the revenues received. The other fees are the ad valorem which is spread out through the entire district and each parcel has a flat fee of \$5. The extension through Main Street carries the bond. As new houses hook-up, there is a \$250 charge for 4 years.

RESOLUTION #186

A Resolution amending the Town budget for 2015 with changes to Water District #1 and Summary page.

Motion by Councilman Lippiello
Seconded by Councilman Grasso

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby amends the 2015 Town Budget with changes to the summary page and to Water District #1 pages to match the appropriations and revenues of \$257,415.

Roll Call: Councilman Grasso: Aye, Councilman Hodgkins: Aye, Councilman Lippiello: Aye, Councilman Verola: Absent, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye. **CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION #187

A Resolution authorizing the Highway Superintendent to list surplus Highway equipment on Auctions International

Motion by Councilman Hodgkins
Seconded by Councilman Grasso

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Highway Superintendent to list surplus equipment with Auctions International, which include: truck with plows and a sander, 4 used loader tires, sander.

Roll Call: Councilman Grasso: Aye, Councilman Hodgkins: Aye, Councilman Lippiello: Aye, Councilman Verola: Absent, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye. **CARRIED.**

COUNCILMAN REPORTS

Supervisor Grattidge said that the Public Hearing for the Zoning changes went well. A good number of people showed up and communicated with the Board. The Board set a Workshop for December 29th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss and review the comments and items that the public has communicated about.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Marv Schorr said that he received calls from people that could not attend last week’s hearing. He confirmed with the Board that the public can submit written comments for another week.

The Board set the Organizational Meeting for January 12th at 7 p.m.

Mark Chotkowski said that he is a member of the ZBA and he attended the Public Hearing last week. He said that the ZBA has had some issues that he thought would be addressed in the changes. He made the following comments regarding:

- Accessory Buildings – detached garages are allowed 15 feet from the property line, but attached garages are only allowed 40 feet from the property line. People are putting in detached garages and then attaching them after they get their CO.
- Farm size is being reduced from 50 acres to 25 acres. He feels that the Town should specify what animals are allowed, such as chickens and alpacas. He believes that there is a potential for issues.
- Solar Panels – he believes that the restrictions are too large for the basic lot size. He thinks that 50 feet is too restrictive if garages can be 15 feet. The facing of the panels is not addressed.
- The proposal says that if you deviate from the setbacks, you have to go before the Planning Board. He does not feel that the Planning Board has the authority to determine setbacks.
- Windmills – he believes that there should be provisions for them since they are an alternative energy source that is becoming more prevalent.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk